

In The Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended). A composite drive shaft comprising:

a cylindrical shaft body;

a plurality of deformable features inserted into said cylindrical shaft body, said features comprising a head piece and an anchor piece;

adhesive applied between each of said features and said cylindrical shaft body; and

a layer of composite fibrous material in direct contact with said shaft body, extending around and over the entirety of said shaft body and said features to secure said features to the shaft body.

Claim 2 (original). The composite drive shaft of claim 1, wherein said features further comprise metallic material.

Claim 3 (original). The composite drive shaft of claim 1, wherein the shape of said head piece of at least one feature is selected from the group consisting of: pins, studs, fasteners, and ring members.

Claim 4 (original). The composite drive shaft of claim 1, wherein at least one of said anchor pieces further comprise a pin.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The composite drive shaft of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said anchor piece further comprises at least one shape selected from the group consisting of: hook, fin, screw threading, and/or knurled edges.

Claims 6 – 20 (cancelled).

Claim 21. (previously presented) The composite drive shaft of claim 1, wherein said adhesive comprises an epoxy-based adhesive.

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Claim 22. (previously presented) The composite drive shaft of claim 1,  
wherein said shaft body comprises at least one carbon fiber sheet of composite fibrous  
material.

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